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1. "Due to its geographical position, the island of Hiiumaa controls the entrance to the Finnish Gulf; so the Soviets forced Estonia to surrender the island peninsulas of Ristna and Tahkuna to them for bases in 1939.
2. "At present the Ristna peninsula is separated from the rest of the island by a barbed wire barrage which runs through the Palli gamekeeper's farm (west of Luidja). Civilians are not permitted to go west of this line. All civilians have been evacuated from the Ristna peninsula.
3. "During the first Soviet occupation, (1939-Sept 1941), the Soviets began building fortifications and gun platforms on the western tip of the Ristna peninsula. At present, on this western tip, there is one 12-inch battery about 500 meters to the north of the former Ristna farm, another about 500 meters east of the Ristna lighthouse, and a third on the former site of the Kalana farm. There are also, in the same area, six 9-inch and six 6-inch batteries. In the Kopu region there are, further, two 12-inch batteries. Close to the Hieste marsh there are four starting ways for long distance [rocket] projectiles.
4. "Between Kopu and Marjakaasiku, close to the highway, there is a large airfield with two new barracks.
5. "In the forest opposite Andresemae there are subterranean ammunition and fuel dumps."

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